



Notes for *God's Creative Love: Being & Well-being*
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This teaching considers the foundations of our existence, what Leanne Payne calls sense of being and well-being. These notes outline the basic flow of the teaching and contain the full text and reference for each scripture and quotation shared. At the bottom of the notes are resources for further exploration of this topic.

God's creative power

...the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him! from Psa 33:5 - 9

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Gen 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-4, 9-14

God's created norms for how we become persons

Dynamic Cycle of Being:

1. Acceptance (dynamic input of existence)
2. Sustenance (dynamic input of essence)
3. Status (dynamic output of personal selfhood)
4. Achievement (dynamic output of work)

In God's design, our experiences in infancy set into us a solid sense of being and well-being; these inner resources can then carry us through the challenges of adult life.

Disruptions of God's ways

Sources of disruption of the dynamic cycle include: prolonged physical separation from mother/primary caregiver; emotionally shut out from her presence; rough or insufficient care.

Reactions to disruption include:

Desperate and clingy orientation in relationship

Remain disconnected and withdrawn

Core-level persistent depression or anxiety

Enemies to the 'womb of the spirit' include: physical or emotional illness of mother; hostility or breakdown between the parents; family life harmed by poverty, war, racism; medical issues for baby that causes prolonged separation from mother; misogyny (hatred of the feminine) that militates against the mother-baby pair.

Healing and rebirth in Christ

God has come down to us, taken on our flesh, and entered into our infantile experiences of suffering, abandonment, and rejection. He bore what we cannot so that we might have life.

Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us that we might receive the gift of life.

God is able to heal us:

1. To take the unendurable edge off our mental suffering, always. What remains we shall bear with joy, finding our strength in the Lord.
2. To the point that we shall be fruitful. Out of our inner being will flow living water for others.
3. To the degree that we shall fully enter into our identities as children of God and heirs of Christ.

Resources on this topic:

Chapter 2, "The Understanding of Depressed, Melancholy, or Accidious Persons," *Clinical Theology* by Frank Lake

Chapter 4, "The Search for Sexual Identity," *The Broken Image*, by Leanne Payne

Chapter 9, "The Imagery Really Matters," *The Healing Presence*, both by Leanne Payne

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